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VALVE FOR HYDRAULIC PLATFORM LIFT
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Response to Official Action dated October 1, 2002

In response to the Official Action dated October 1, 2002, and further to the undersigned's discussion with Examiner Tran on October 17, 2002 regarding possible amendment to the claims to avoid the restriction requirement, kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend sub-combination claims 13 -20 as set out below :

13. (Amended) A *p*Positive displacement means valve for use in a hydraulic circuit, comprising:

a pair of longitudinally-moveable, spaced-apart pistons, each operatively ~~connected by longitudinal shaft~~ means coupled to each other so that movement of one piston